

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Office has indicated that the title of the invention is not descriptive and a new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Please change the title of the invention to read: “Process For Purchasing Goods Through An Internet Based Service Having A Central Procurement Service Provider”

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were presented for examination. Claims 1-22 were rejected.

Claims 12 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office stated the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In response, claim 12 has been amended to include the term “having a link.” Therefore, Claim 12 should be in allowable form.

With respect to Claim 21, Applicant respectfully disagrees. While the preferred embodiment may disclose an order of steps where G occurs after E, the process is not limited to that embodiment.

All of the steps in claim 1 are enabled by the specification. Claim 21 depends from claim 1. In claim 1, as in claim 21, Step G occurs after Step D. Claim 21 differs in that Step G occurs before Step E, – paying the supplier for customer orders occurs before combining the customer orders to a consolidated order for the supplier. It would be obvious to one of skill in the art that the step G is independent from step E and that the step of consolidating orders need not occur before paying the supplier for customer orders. Hence the order of steps can be rearranged and performed in the manner disclosed by Claim 21.